(b) whether it is a fact that Government are also examining on how to curb unnecessary imports of foreign items;

(c) what steps are proposed to carefully study the various lobbies operation to ensure that ITDC makes huge purchases of luxury items and consumable goods; and

(d) The steps proposed to examine all such activities of ITDC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Imports for sales through duty free shops are based on demand of products at the shops and the pace of their sale.

(c) Purchases are made only after approval is accorded by the Committees duly constituted for this purpose.

(d) In addition to management reviews at regular intervals, Internal Audit, Government Audit and Audit through CAG also critically examine the activities of India Tourism Development Corporation.

Development of Tourist Sports

2287. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the fact that in spite of increasing foreign exchange from tourism there is no commendable improvement in the tourism spots in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the amount spent for improvement of facilities at various tourist spots in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tourism has taken up the scheme of Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits and Product/ Infrastructure Development of Destinations during the Tenth Plan to improve the tourist infrastructure. The details of the projects sanctioned and amount released to the various States during the Tenth Plan for improvement of tourist facilities are on the enclosed Statement.

Statement

State-Wise Tourism Projects sanctioned during the Tenth Plan

(Rs. in Lakhs)

		2002-03			2003-04			2004-05 (up to 31 .12.2004)		
Sl. No	State/UT	No Of Project Sanc-tioned	Amount Sanc-tioned	Amount Released	No. of Project Sanc-tioned	Amount Sanc-tioned	Amount Released	No. of Project Sanc-tioned	Amount Sanc-tioned	Amount Release
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2	507.50	195.00	6	946.50	896.44	11	2750.81	2191.92
2.	Assam	9	768.13	618.85	3	313.46	.313.06	6	955.88	742.10
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	5	41.30	32.50	6	1044.60	700.00	6	1285.70	905.52
4.	Bihar	8	505.00	505.00	6	1019.42	913.89	7	1901.23	1527.55
5.	Chhattisgarh	9	308.00	98.50	6	1005.00	364.00	4	1086.26	869.01
6.	Goa	1	0.50	0.50	2	36.76	34.76	2	10.00	8.00
7.	Gujarat	2	197.12	59.13	8	920.51	815.82	2	138.93	111.14
8.	Haryana	8	332.25	311.00	16	1215.38	879.23	5	678.55	501.64
9.	Himachal Pradesh	30	779.32	760.38	4	182.32	85.00	5	2620.00	1736.00
10.	J&K	3	94.38	89.47	5	895.00	895.00	2	805.00	644.00
11.	Jharkhand	0	0	0	2	1109.00	774.60	1	474.97	379.97
12.	Karnataka	6	902.49	625.49	14	932.66	792.51	8	2432.76	1914.37
13.	Kerala	11	861.36	829.86	6	608.50	564.15	5	2148.63	1718.88
14.	Madhya Pradesh	18	711.18	574.79	10	621.90	394.51	8	1285.46	783.03
15.	Maharashtra	8	623.46	546.25	10	931.83	914.58	6	1576.38	1260.10
16.	Manipur	2	**5.24**	2.62	1	82.44	24.73	0	0.00	0.00
17.	Meghalaya	3	70.35	21.20	2	40.22	24.92	2	963.30	807.91

18.	Mizoram	6	141.16	48.46	5	567.70	186.75	3	1081.28	927.09
19.	Nagaland	5	360.50	323.43	4	711.00	220.80	5	2165.69	1731.40
20.	Orissa	2	47.50	15.75	5	419.55	138.50	5	1316.48	999.69
21.	Punjab	3	23.00	14.60	2	96.00	12.30	4	846.41	561.26
22.	Rajasthan	13	1098.70	1096.20	14	1644.81	1414.25	2	39.31	31.45
23.	Sikkim	13	346.24	269.76	8	1151.09	681.49	6	1005.81	805.13
24.	Tamil Nadu	5	559.00	316.10	14	1339.82	850.53	6	876.92	702.72
25.	Tripura	5	216.13	67.78	6	450.17	135.16	0	0.00	0.00
26.	Uttaranchal	3	548.00	418.00	4	230.44	203.94	3	1412.93	1125.56
27.	Uttar Pradesh	3	295.00	295.00	7	1115.80	916.26	7	1037.43	825.19
28.	West Bengal	5	201.10	60.00	10	717.44	384.34	5	480.04	384.03
29.	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
30.	Chandigarh	3	7.75	6.63	2	10.00	8.00	1	457.00	365.60
31.	Dadar & Nagar Haveii	2	8.07	6.46	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
32.	Delhi	14	504.00	449.02	17	3316.28	3222.13	1	500.00	400.00
33.	Daman & Diu	3	49.50	16.90	1	265.07	238.56	0	0.00	0.00
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
35.	Pondicherry	2	7.87	6.30	1	245.17	73.55	2	451.00-	360.00
	TOTAL:	212	11121.10	8680.93	207	24185.84	18073.76	130	32784.16	25320.26